

2012 FACT SHEET FOR SERVICE ACADEMY CANDIDATES  
Representative Thomas E. Petri (6<sup>th</sup> District-Wisconsin)

Every year, Members of Congress are asked to nominate students to the four U.S. service academies. The number of vacancies for each congressional district is determined by law. Ten students can be nominated for each opening at the U.S. Military Academy (West Point, New York), the U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, Maryland), and the U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, Colorado). It is possible that more than one nominee will be accepted for each vacancy. The procedure is slightly different for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, New York). Members of Congress may nominate ten students every year to this school. You may be considered for nomination to more than one academy. Please list on your application those schools (in order of preference) that you would be interested in attending.

The students to be nominated are chosen by the Commission on Congressional Appointments. Its members are distinguished residents of the 6th District who evaluate all applications submitted to my office. After your application has been reviewed by the Commission, one of its members will interview you. The final selections are based on your high school record, ACT or SAT scores, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, essay responses, and your interview. Nominees will be announced in January.

General requirements: You must be a U.S. citizen, single, at least seventeen (but not yet twenty-three) as of the date classes begin, and a resident of the 6th District.

Medical requirements: The academies require a thorough medical examination as part of the admissions process. Applicants with less than perfect vision may be ineligible or need a waiver depending on the academy. Few "eye waivers" are approved (the Merchant Marine Academy grants none), so even superior candidates may be rejected for this reason. The individual academy catalogs or websites should be consulted for each school's requirements.

ACT or SAT: Your scores on these tests are an important part of your application. If you have not already taken the test, you should arrange to take it as early as possible. Your guidance counselor can provide registration information. You can have your scores sent directly to me by listing my code number (ACT: 7759 - SAT: 1684) on the test form.

Precandidate Questionnaires: You should contact the academy or academies of your choice to request a precandidate questionnaire. This is the first step in the Admissions Office's evaluation of your record.

Schedule for Applicants Applying to Enter the Academies in 2012:

Now	Request application from Rep. Petri and precandidate questionnaire from academy - register to take ACT or SAT (preferably before December)
October 15, 2011	Deadline for submitting applications to my office
January, 2012	Commission meets to select nominees
Spring, 2012	Academies complete admissions process and offer appointments
Summer, 2012	Classes begin

**TO APPLY FOR A SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION:** Complete the attached application. Please type or print in black ink as the entire application must be copied for Commission members. Be sure to include your response to the essay questions on page two. Arrange for the submission of the requested photographs, letters of recommendation, high school transcript, and ACT or SAT scores. Return your application by October 15, 2011 to the address below. Receipt of your application will be acknowledged and you will be advised when your file is complete. Please notify my office immediately of any change of address.

COMMISSION ON CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS  
c/o Representative Thomas E. Petri  
490 W. Rolling Meadows Dr., Suite B  
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

2012 APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES  
6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Academy or academies for which you wish to be  
considered (in order of preference):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4 \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Mother's Address (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT: English \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_ Composite \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

SAT: Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

If you have not received your scores yet, please indicate test date \_\_\_\_\_

List high school courses you will have taken in each of the following areas including the 2011-2012 school year.

SUBJECT	SPECIFIC COURSE TITLE	SUBJECT	SPECIFIC COURSE TITLE
ENGLISH	_____	SCIENCE	_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
MATH	_____	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
SOCIAL STUDIES	_____	OTHER SUBJECTS	_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____
	_____		_____

Extracurricular Activities and Academic Achievements \_\_\_\_\_

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Volunteer Work \_\_\_\_\_

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Job Experience \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you believe you meet the physical requirements of the academy? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your uncorrected visual acuity? \_\_\_\_\_

If not 20/20, is it correctable to 20/20? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you submitted a precandidate questionnaire to any of the academies? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which academies? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to the Vice President and Wisconsin's two United States Senators? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the academies? \_\_\_\_\_

ESSAY: On a separate sheet of paper write an essay of 500 words or less explaining why you want to attend a service academy and why you feel you should receive Congressman Petri's nomination.

TO COMPLETE YOUR FILE, please submit this application and your essay along with the following:

\*two photographs (yearbook style - do not write on back)

\*two letters of recommendation

\*your high school transcript (including your rank in class and grade point average)

\*official copy of your ACT or SAT scores:

MAIL by OCTOBER 15, 2011 to: COMMISSION ON CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS  
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Fond du Lac, WI 54937